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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION.

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1. To promote the systematic study of Nature.
2. To stimulate and guide amateurs in giving Nature lessons.
3. To encourage the love of Nature in children.

These objects are attained—

- (a) By holding annual Exhibitions of Collections made by members and their children.
- (b) By arranging a systematic plan of study and instruction, and by recommending suitable text-books.

The following are under the superintendence and guidance of Miss Charlotte M. Mason, House of Education, Ambleside.

* **The Mother's Education Course** is a course of reading arranged for those who desire to study the subject of Education, and is especially designed—

1. To help Mothers to give their children such teaching as should confirm them in the Christian Religion.
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* **The House of Education, Ambleside,** is established to train ladies as teachers in families, by instructing them in the art of training, teaching and occupying children and girls from the ages of six to sixteen, on the *natural methods and principles* advanced by the P.N.E.U. The two years' course embraces Psychology, Ethics, and the Philosophy of Education; Practical Teaching; the teaching of Modern Languages (French, German and Italian) on the Gouin system; Nature Lore (including Botany and Natural History), Art, Modelling in Clay, and Brushwork on broad artistic lines; Hygiene and Physiology, Arts and Crafts, etc. *Fee*—£20 a term. Three terms in a year.

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CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

(SUBJECT TO SLIGHT ALTERATION).

TUESDAY, MAY 9th. At the PORTMAN ROOMS, BAKER ST. (Dorset Street Entrance).

- Chairman, **DR. SCHOFIELD** (Chairman of the Executive Committee).
- 10.30 a.m. ~~Mrs. E. Kirchner~~ *Mrs. Russell* (Secretary at the House of Education), "The History and Aims of the P.N.E.U." Discussion.
- 11.0. **MRS. BOOLE**, "The Unconscious Preparation of the Mind for Science." Discussion.
- 12.0. **MISS R. A. PENNETHORNE** (ex-student of the House of Education), "P.N.E.U. Principles as illustrated in Teaching." Discussion.
- 4.0 p.m. Meeting (Council only) at **THE OFFICE, 28, Victoria St., S.W.** (To adopt Annual Report, elect Hon. Officers, etc.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th. At the PORTMAN ROOMS, BAKER ST. (Dorset St. Entrance).

- Chairman, **REV. H. SWITHINBANK** (Dulwich).
- 10.30 a.m. **MRS. FISHER** (Arabella Buckley), "The Training of Children in the Observation of Nature." Discussion.
- 11.15. **DR. H. LAING-GORDON** (Forest Hill), "Parental Peculiarities and Parental Possibilities." Discussion.

DEMONSTRATION LESSONS BY STUDENTS FROM THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION.

- 12.0—12.20. (a) A Natural History Lesson to Class I (b), by **MISS SPEARMAN**.
- 12.20—12.35. (b) A First Reading Lesson to Class I (a), by **MISS MACKENZIE**.
- 12.35—12.50. (c) A First Grammar Lesson to Class I (b), by **MISS EVANS**.
- 12.50—1.10. (d) A Literature Lesson to Class IV., by **MISS NESBITT**.
- 8.0 for **At the PORTMAN ROOMS, Baker Street (Dorset Street Entrance).** Annual Conversazione (free to all Members), *Mrs. Norton* **MRS. DRYANT, D.Sc.**, in the chair, when **MR. M. E. SADLER** will lecture. Other speakers.

THURSDAY, MAY 11th. At the PORTMAN ROOMS, BAKER ST. (Dorset Street Entrance).

- LADY LOUISE LODER** in the Chair.
- 10.30—11.30 a.m. **MISS CARTA STURGE**, "The Inculcation of the Spirit of Reverence." Discussion.
- DEMONSTRATION LESSONS BY STUDENTS FROM THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION, AND **MADMOISELLE DURIAUX**.
- 11.45—12.0. (a) Dictation Lesson to Class II., by **MISS D. HUGHES-JONES**.
- 12.0—12.30. (b) French Lesson to Class III., by **MADMOISELLE DURIAUX**.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS—continued.

THURSDAY, MAY 11th—continued.

- 12.30—12.45. (c) Lesson from Plutarch's Lives to Class II., by **MISS FAUNCE**.
- 12.45—1.5. (d) Geography Lesson to Class III., by **MISS WINGATE**.
- 5.0 p.m. **At Stafford House** (by kind permission of Her Grace The Duchess of Sutherland). **Rev. H. RUSSELL WAKEFIELD, M.L.S.B.**, on "The Parent in the Educational System." Chairman, **GUY PYM, Esq., M.P.** (Belgravia Branch). Tea and Coffee, 4.30.

FRIDAY, MAY 12th. At the PORTMAN ROOMS, BAKER ST. (Dorset Street Entrance).

- LADY CAMPBELL** (Belgravia Branch) in the Chair.
- 10.30 a.m. *Mrs. Dowson* **Miss Helen Webb, M.B.** (London), "The Formation of Habit." Discussion.
- 11.15. **MISS L. H. MONTAGU**, "The Training of Citizens."
- 12.0—1.0. Local Secretaries' meeting (at which Branch representatives and members are invited to be present). *Mrs. Steinthal* **Mrs. Steinthal** (Hill), in the chair.
- 3.0 p.m. **At St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.** Short service and address by **REV. T. W. SHARPE, C.B.**
- 4.0—7.0. Garden Party at Holly Lodge, Campden Hill, Kensington (by kind invitation of **MRS. WINKWORTH**) R.S.V.P. to **MISS BLOGG**, 28, Victoria Street.

~~Mrs. STEINTHAL ("Aunt Mai") at Home to her "Nephews and Nieces," on Saturday, May 6th, at 50, Porchester Terrace, Bayswater.~~

The Natural History Club Exhibition will be held at 13, York Place, Baker Street (by the kindness of **MISS FRANKS**), on ~~Thursday, May 11th, 2.0 p.m.—6.0 p.m.~~ on Friday, May 12th, 10.0 a.m.—6.0 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 13th, 10.0 a.m.—6.0 p.m.

A lecture to children will be given at 4.0 p.m., on Saturday, May 13th, at the same address, by **G. S. HETT, Esq.**, on "Bird Life in and near London."

MR. SETH COWARD (Head Master of Alma Board School) has kindly consented to admit visitors on Tuesday, May 9th, at 3.30, to view the teaching of Brush-drawing, etc., entrance, 47, Southwark Road. Train leaves Charing Cross at 3.0 p.m. for Spa Road. Return, Spa Road 4.48, Charing Cross 5.6. All wishing to attend should communicate with **MISS BLOGG**. Ex-students are strongly advised to avail themselves of this opportunity.

N.B.—Tickets admitting to all proceedings, price 2/6, to be obtained from **MISS BLOGG** and from Local Secretaries, who will also supply extra cards of invitation for the Conversazione.

Hospitality can be obtained for country Members who desire it. An early intimation to **MISS BLOGG** is requested.

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